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LETTER DATED 26 MARCH 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement made by H.E. Dr. Badr Jassem Al-Yaqoub, Minister of Information and Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs, on behalf of the Government of Kuwait.

I should appreciate it if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

[Original: Arabic]

Statement made by Dr. Badr Jassem Al-Yaqoub, Kuwaiti Minister of Information and Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs, on 26 March 1991

Dr. Badr Jassem Al-Yaqoub, the Kuwaiti Minister of Information and Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs, has made the following statement concerning the rumours that are circulating in some political and media circles to the effect that Kuwait is mistreating its Palestinian brothers residing in Kuwait:

"1. These strategems, lies and allegations which are being circulated to the detriment of Kuwait under the present circumstances are merely a continuation of the hostile policy that has been pursued by well-known parties since the beginning of the criminal Iraqi invasion of Kuwait's territory. We are fully confident that world public opinion will not be deceived by these strategems, that it will realize their underlying aims and objectives and that it will be able to separate the wheat from the chaff.

2. Kuwait has always diligently endeavoured to apply the law fully to all Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti residents alike, without discrimination among them on grounds of race, origin or affiliation. Anyone who infringes or violates the sacrosanct provisions of the law is subject to its penalties in keeping with the principle of the rule of law and public order in the State, as is the practice throughout the world.

3. If certain acts have been committed against Kuwaiti or other residents in the circumstances that Kuwait has been experiencing, these matters will be referred to the judicial authorities for judgement in accordance with the law and Kuwait's consistent practice.

Kuwait wishes to assure world public opinion, at all levels from leaders to Governments, peoples and organizations, that it will maintain its tradition as a land of security, justice and peace and that, even under the present circumstances that it is experiencing in the aftermath of the criminal aggression against its territory, Kuwait is perfectly willing to receive all petitions and claims concerning any allegedly unlawful practices against residents of Kuwait, so that appropriate measures can be taken in this regard in accordance with the provisions of the law. Kuwait also affirms its full willingness to receive representatives of international humanitarian bodies and organizations in order to examine this question."